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Dear Jerry,

Of late there has been manifestation of Big but not very Brotherly interest.

There has also been manifestation of publisher interest. La Bar (?) Freedman (never heard of them) and Pyramid, from who a call from Huffner today. We chatted and he's to be in touch. He is impressed by the merchandizing and sale, says the book has an "inside appeal" and is interested in distributing it inthe present form, at least for the time being. I reported progress, tolf him how to check up on it, and why I turned down Fawcett offer, so he'd know what I would notxaccept from him. He understands that after I get whatever offer he might make (which he volunteered would be in writing) that I still might be interested iax tie-in with the sequel, whose doctrine and title I told him without apparently frightening him. He likes the title.

Ben Kurzman (who first spoke to Kuhn) today said he's seeing him next week. Dan is excited about sequel. I offered to show him what I have. He knows in general and may tell Kuhn. I told him I didn't think Kuhn would, but that after hearing from him I have made no initiatives, which is true.

Sauvage's book looks like a bomb. The comparison between what he and I had at the same time makes me feel very good

As evidence of the rapidly-changing climate, WNV-TV (NBC, DC) had a two-part Lane yesterday and today. The news people were interested in WHITEWASH 3 months ago but the station didn't do it. MY WCAU show Fri-Sat recorded an overload of 4,700 calls in 2½ hrs with no gimickry and only three announcements of phone numbers. A letter today from a store in suburban Phila reports the sale of 15 copies by 5 p.m. Sat!

It is possible that the situation has gotten to the point here the fear of another Green Beret weight less on the official brows then the consequences of not making the effort. Something is cooking. Cable from England more than a week overdue, judging by letter reporting its dispatch. And other things that make no good sense. Went to Washington today and imparted specific contents and description of documentation of the most important to a lawyer and two well-known newsmen I think I can trust, one a bureau chief, and the secretary of a news executive. I expect the bureau chief up to see what I have, all of which is a kind of insurance...Got the reading copy of "Judgement". Thanks, but I need something much earlier, like the mimeo form or proofs.

Regards,